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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--JANUARY 1992

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.1 percent before seasonal adjustment in January to a level of 138.1 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in January, the CPI-U increased 2.6 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) also rose 0.1 percent in January prior to seasonal adjustment. The January 1992 CPI-W level of 136.0 was 2.4 percent higher than the index in January 1991.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.1 percent in January, following increases of 0.4 percent in November and 0.2 percent in December. During the past 3 months, the CPI-U has advanced at a 2.6 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate. Both the food and energy indexes registered declines in January--down 0.4 and 1.5 percent, respectively. A seasonally adjusted

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Jan. '92	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Jan. '92
	Changes from preceding month								
	1991						1992		
	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.		
All items	.1	.3	.4	.2	.4	.2	.1	2.6	2.6
Food and beverages	-.4	-.1	.1	.0	.4	.3	-.4	1.2	1.5
Housing	.3	.1	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	3.3	3.0
Apparel and upkeep	-.1	1.2	.6	.2	.6	-1.1	.3	-.9	3.3
Transportation	.2	.5	.0	-.2	.4	.2	-.3	1.3	-.8
Medical care	.6	.7	.6	.6	.5	.7	.7	7.7	7.8
Entertainment	.4	.4	.7	.2	-.1	-.4	.1	-1.1	3.4
Other goods and services	.4	.6	1.0	.5	.6	.6	.3	6.0	7.3
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.5	.6	.2	.0	.8	.1	-1.5	-2.3	-6.5
Food	-.5	-.2	.1	-.1	.4	.3	-.4	1.2	1.0
All items less food and energy	.3	.4	.4	.2	.3	.2	.3	3.4	3.9

Note: Seasonal factors have been recalculated to reflect developments during 1991. For this reason, some of the seasonally adjusted figures shown above and elsewhere differ from those previously published.

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decline in prices for fresh fruits and vegetables was principally responsible for the drop in the food index. The decrease in the energy index, the first since July, reflected a sharp drop in prices for petroleum-based energy products. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 0.3 percent in January after increasing 0.2 percent in December.

The index for food and beverages decreased 0.4 percent in January, following seasonal adjustment. Grocery store food prices, which rose 0.4 percent in December, fell 0.7 percent in January. Declines in the indexes for fruits and vegetables and for meats, poultry, fish and eggs--down 4.1 and 1.0 percent, respectively--more than offset relatively large increases in the other three major grocery store food groups. Prices for fresh fruits and vegetables, which generally increase sharply in January, rose only 0.6 percent, resulting in a 7.0 percent seasonally adjusted decline. Beef and pork prices continued to fall--down 0.4 and 0.8 percent, respectively--and, coupled with a 12.4 percent drop in egg prices, more than offset an increase in poultry prices. On the other hand, the 1.0 percent increase in the index for cereal and bakery products was the largest advance in this component in 12 months. The indexes for dairy products and other food at home each increased 0.6 percent in January. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--rose 0.1 and 0.4 percent, respectively.

The housing index rose 0.2 percent in January, following increases of 0.3 percent in each of the preceding 4 months. A decline in the index for fuels and other utilities was responsible for the moderation, more than offsetting a larger increase in shelter costs and an upturn in the index for household furnishings and operations. Fuel oil prices declined for the second consecutive month--down 5.5 percent in January--and are now 31.3 percent lower than their peak level of October 1990. The indexes for natural gas and electricity also decreased in January, following seasonal adjustment--down 0.1 and 0.6 percent, respectively. Shelter costs rose 0.5 percent in January, following increases of 0.3 percent in each of the last 4 months of 1991. Within shelter, renters' and homeowners' costs rose 0.7 and 0.3 percent, respectively, while maintenance and repair costs declined 0.1 percent. The large increase in renters' costs reflects a 2.3 percent rise in the index for lodging while out of town. Residential rents rose 0.3 percent. The index for household furnishings and operations increased 0.3 percent in January after declining 0.2 percent in December.

The transportation component fell 0.3 percent in January, largely as a result of a decline in the index for motor fuels. Gasoline prices fell 1.9 percent and, as of January, were 18.1 percent lower than their peak level of November 1990. Also contributing to the decrease in the transportation component was a decline in automobile purchase costs. Used car prices fell 1.1 percent and a 0.1 percent increase in new car prices was more than offset by a 2.4 percent drop in automobile finance charges. Automobile finance charges have fallen 9.5 percent in the past 12 months. Partially offsetting these declines were increases in the indexes for automobile insurance and public transportation. Automobile insurance costs rose 0.7 percent in January and were 8.3 percent above their level a year ago. Public transportation costs, reflecting a sharp increase in intracity public transportation charges, increased 1.1 percent in January and have risen 4.6 percent since October 1991.

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The index for apparel and upkeep, which fell 1.1 percent in December, rose 0.3 percent in January after seasonal adjustment. Jewelry prices rose 4.7 percent in January, following a 8.2 percent decline in December, and accounted for virtually all of the apparel increase. The January price declines for most clothing items were about normal. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, the index for apparel and upkeep declined 1.3 percent.)

Medical care prices rose 0.7 percent in January, the same as in December, bringing the change from a year ago to 7.8 percent. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--increased 0.8 percent. The medical care services index advanced 0.7 percent, with the cost of professional and hospital and related services up 0.4 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively.

The entertainment index rose 0.1 percent in January, following declines in each of the preceding 2 months. This resulted in part from a 0.5 percent advance in the index for reading materials--newspapers, magazines, periodicals, and books.

The other goods and services index rose 0.3 percent in January, its smallest advance since September 1990. Increases in selected personal expenses (legal service fees and funeral expenses) more than offset a 0.7 percent decline in prices for tobacco and smoking products.

CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers was unchanged in January.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Jan. '92	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Jan. '92
	Changes from preceding month								
	1991						1992		
	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.		
All items	.1	.2	.3	.2	.4	.2	.0	2.4	2.4
Food and beverages	-.4	-.1	.1	.0	.3	.4	-.4	.9	1.3
Housing	.2	.2	.4	.3	.3	.2	.3	3.4	3.0
Apparel and upkeep	.0	1.1	.4	.2	.5	-.9	.5	.6	3.2
Transportation	.2	.4	.0	-.1	.5	.1	-.5	.3	-1.0
Medical care	.5	.8	.6	.6	.6	.7	.6	7.8	7.7
Entertainment	.3	.4	.8	.1	-.1	-.2	.1	-.6	3.3
Other goods and services	.4	.7	.8	.6	.7	.5	.2	5.6	7.2
Special indexes:									
Energy	-.6	.5	.2	.0	.9	.1	-1.8	-3.1	-6.9
Food	-.4	-.2	.1	-.1	.4	.3	-.4	.9	1.0
All items less food and energy	.4	.4	.4	.2	.4	.1	.4	3.4	3.9

Consumer Price Index data for February 1992 will be released on Tuesday, March 17, 1992, 8:30 A.M. (EST).

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments--department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain public utility rates, some fuel prices, and certain other items.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The index measures price change from a designated reference date--1982-84 which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details see BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 19, the Consumer Price Index, Bulletin 2285, April 1988.

Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example in the accompanying box illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040x100
Equals percent change	4.0

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

In most cases, seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1987 through 1991 were replaced at the end of 1991. The seasonal movement of all items and 47 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 60 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 60 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called intervention analysis in conjunction with X-11-ARIMA for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors in X-11-ARIMA.

For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology; for new cars, new trucks, and new vehicles, this procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in marketing strategies and the introduction of new models. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. For some alcoholic beverage series, intervention was used to offset the effects of excise tax increases.

An alternative to the intervention-adjusted X-11-ARIMA procedure is the state space model-based seasonal adjustment method. This method adjusts simultaneously for interventions and seasonal effects, rather than sequentially as in the X-11-ARIMA methodology, using structural statistical models with explanatory variables. The state space structural model-based method of seasonal adjustment was introduced in 1992 for the adjustment of January 1991-December 1991 indexes for three Women's apparel series: Dresses, Separates and sportswear, and Suits.

A description of intervention analysis, as well as a list of events treated as interventions and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw on (202)504-2051.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=84-100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Expenditure category	Relative importance, December 1991	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1992 from Jan. 1991		Seasonally adjusted percent change from Oct. to Nov., Dec., to Jan.		
		Dec. 1991	Jan. 1992	Jan. 1992	Dec. 1991	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
All items (1982=100)	100.000	137.9	138.1	2.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1
All items (1967=100)	-	413.7	413.8	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.427	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food	16.007	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food at home	9.921	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Cereals and bakery products 1/	4.426	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	4.037	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Dairy products 1/	2.229	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Fruits and vegetables	1.855	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Other food at home	1.882	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Sugar and sweets 1/	1.344	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Fats and oils 1/	2.480	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Nonalcoholic beverages	1.739	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Other prepared food	0.819	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food away from home 1/	6.885	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Alcoholic beverages	1.421	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Housing	41.544	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Shelter	38.896	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Renters' costs 2/	7.003	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Rent, residential 1/	7.935	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Other renters' costs	2.168	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Homeowners' costs 2/	9.683	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Owners' equivalent rent	1.303	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Household insurance 1/	1.380	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair services 1/	1.215	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	0.883	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel and other utilities	1.277	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Fuels	0.057	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel oil and other household fuel	0.419	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.638	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Other utilities and public services 1/	3.270	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Household furnishings and operation 1/	6.323	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Household furnishings 1/	2.011	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Housekeeping supplies	1.154	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Housekeeping services 1/	4.499	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel and upkeep	6.097	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel commodities	5.571	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Men's and boys' apparel	5.571	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Women's and girls' apparel	2.18	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	800	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Footwear	550	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Other apparel commodities 1/	162	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel services 1/	0.526	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	10.013	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Private transportation	9.523	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
New vehicles	0.072	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Used cars	0.075	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Motor fuel	1.304	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	0.520	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repairs 1/	0.533	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Other private transportation	0.678	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Other private transportation commodities 1/	2.855	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Other private transportation services	4.400	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Public transportation 1/	0.490	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care	6.669	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care commodities	2.264	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care services	4.405	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Professional medical services	3.213	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Entertainment 1/	6.357	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Entertainment commodities 1/	0.030	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Entertainment services 1/	6.327	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Other goods and services	6.674	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Tobacco and smoking products	0.665	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Personal care 1/	1.87	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	0.632	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Personal care services 1/	1.238	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Personal and educational expenses	3.822	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
School books and supplies	1.723	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Personal and educational services	2.099	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities	44.847	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.427	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and beverages	27.420	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food and beverages	2.224	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Apparel commodities	5.571	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	10.689	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Durables	10.689	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Services	55.153	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Rent of shelter 1/	7.935	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Household services less rent of shelter 2/	9.915	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation services	8.844	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Medical care services	4.405	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Other services	0.072	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Special indexes								
All items less food	83.993	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
All items less shelter	77.106	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
All items less homeowners' costs 3/	86.117	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
All items less medical care	93.311	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food	27.420	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food 1/	2.224	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	10.689	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Services less rent of shelter 2/	57.218	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Services less medical care services	50.800	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Energy	36.1	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
All items less energy	63.899	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
All items less food and energy	66.573	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Commodities less food and energy commodities	36.757	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Energy commodities	51.823	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Services less energy services	51.876	137.9	137.9	-	-	-	-	-
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982=84.00 1/	-	8.723	8.724	-	-	-	-	-
1967=81.00 1/	-	12.212	12.213	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Oct. 1991	Nov. 1991	Dec. 1991	Jan. 1992	Apr. 1992	1 month ended- Jul. 1991	Oct. 1991	Jan. 1992	6 months ended- Jan. 1992	ended- Jan. 1992
Expenditure category										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Food and beverages	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.7	137.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Food	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.7	137.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Food at home	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.7	137.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Cereals and bakery products 1/	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.7	137.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.7	137.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Dairy products 1/	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.7	137.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Fruits and vegetables	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.7	137.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Other food at home	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.7	137.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Sugar and sweets 1/	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.7	137.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Fats and oils 1/	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.7	137.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Nonalcoholic beverages	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.7	137.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Other prepared food	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.7	137.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Food away from home 1/	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.7	137.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Alcoholic beverages	137.0	137.7	137.9	137.7	137.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Housing	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Shelter	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Renters' costs 2/	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Rent, residential	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Other renters' costs	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Homeowners' costs 2/	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Owners' equivalent rent	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Household insurance 1/	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Maintenance and repairs 1/	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Maintenance and repair services 1/	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Fuel and other utilities	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Fuels	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Fuel oil and other household fuel	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Commodities	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Gas (pipel) and electricity (energy services)	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Other utilities and public services 1/	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Household furnishings and operation 1/	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Household furnishings 1/	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Housekeeping supplies	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Housekeeping services 1/	134.6	135.0	135.4	135.7	136.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Apparel and upkeep	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Apparel commodities	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Men's and boys' apparel	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Women's and girls' apparel	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Infants' and toddlers' apparel 1/	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Footwear	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Other apparel commodities 1/	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Apparel services 1/	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	130.3	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Transportation	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Private transportation	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
New vehicles	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
New cars	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Used cars	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Motor fuel	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Gasoline	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Maintenance and repairs 1/	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Other private transportation	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Other private transportation commodities 1/	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Other private transportation services	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Public transportation 1/	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	128.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Medical care	181.1	181.1	181.1	181.1	181.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Medical care commodities	181.1	181.1	181.1	181.1	181.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Medical care services	181.1	181.1	181.1	181.1	181.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Professional medical services	181.1	181.1	181.1	181.1	181.1	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Entertainment 1/	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Entertainment commodities 1/	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Entertainment services 1/	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	140.5	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Other goods and services	126.0	126.0	126.0	126.0	126.0	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Tobacco and smoking products	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Personal care 1/	133.7	133.7	133.7	133.7	133.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	133.7	133.7	133.7	133.7	133.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Personal care services 1/	133.7	133.7	133.7	133.7	133.7	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Personal and educational expenses	188.6	188.6	188.6	188.6	188.6	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
School books and supplies	188.6	188.6	188.6	188.6	188.6	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Personal and educational services	188.6	188.6	188.6	188.6	188.6	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Commodities	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Food and beverages	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Commodities less food and beverages	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Apparel commodities	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Durables	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Services	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Rent of shelter 1/	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Household services less rent of shelter 2/	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Transportation services	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Medical care services	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Other services	-	-	-	-	2.1	2.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	3.1
Special indexes										
All items less food	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
All items less shelter	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
All items less medical care	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Commodities less food	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Nondurables less food 1/	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Nondurables 1/	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Services less rent of shelter 2/	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Services less medical care services	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Energy	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
All items less energy	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Commodities less food and energy	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Commodities	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Energy commodities	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
Services less energy services	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	137.4	1.6	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
Data not available.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index
(1982=86=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Jan. 1992 from-			Percent change to Dec. 1991 from-		
			Oct 1991	Nov 1991	Dec 1991	Jan 1992	Oct 1991	Nov 1991	Dec 1991	Oct 1991	Nov 1991	Dec 1991
U.S. city average		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Region and area size 2/												
Northeast urban		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size B - 300,000 to 1,200,000		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size C - 50,000 to 300,000		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
North Central urban		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size B - 300,000 to 1,200,000		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size C - 50,000 to 300,000		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)		M	128.8	129.9	129.4	128.7	2.1	1.9	-0.5	2.9	0.5	-0.4
South urban		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size B - 300,000 to 1,200,000		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size C - 50,000 to 300,000		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)		M	132.1	132.0	132.3	132.5	1.7	1.4	0.2	1.6	0.3	0.2
West urban		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size B - 300,000 to 1,200,000		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size C - 50,000 to 300,000		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Size D - Nonmetropolitan (less than 50,000)		M	132.1	132.0	132.3	132.5	1.7	1.4	0.2	1.6	0.3	0.2
Size classes												
A 3/		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
B		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
C		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
D		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Selected local areas												
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Baltimore, MD		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Washington, DC-MD-VA		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA		M	137.4	137.8	137.9	138.1	2.6	0.2	0.1	3.1	0.4	0.1

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

M - Every month.
1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
Indexes on a December 1986=100 basis.

3/ Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

Table 2. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Relative importance, December 1991	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Jan. 1992 from		Seasonally adjusted percent change from		
		Dec. 1991	Jan. 1992	Jan. 1991	Dec. 1991	Oct. to Nov.	Nov. to Dec.	
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	135.7	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0
All items (1987=100)	-	404.7	405.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	19.547	136.9	137.4	1.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1
Food	17.811	136.3	136.8	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1
Food at home	11.244	135.0	135.8	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2
Cereals and bakery products 1/	3.625	135.7	135.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	3.556	135.7	136.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.2
Dairy products 1/	1.361	137.2	137.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Fruits and vegetables	1.958	135.2	135.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Other food at home	2.715	135.0	135.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
Sugar and sweets 1/	0.387	135.9	135.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Fats and oils 1/	0.298	135.4	135.7	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Nonalcoholic beverages	0.861	132.9	132.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other prepared food	1.192	135.1	135.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Food away from home 1/	6.567	139.4	139.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Alcoholic beverages	1.737	133.5	134.4	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5
Housing	39.078	132.7	133.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
Shelter	25.593	132.6	133.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
Renters' costs 2/	8.115	132.7	132.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Rent, residential	6.678	132.8	132.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other renters' costs	1.437	132.6	132.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Homeowners' costs 2/	11.755	132.6	132.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Owners' equivalent rent 3/	18.833	132.6	132.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household insurance 1/	0.122	128.4	128.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Maintenance and repairs 1/	0.202	130.0	130.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Maintenance and repair services 1/	0.109	135.7	136.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Commodities 1/	0.091	121.1	121.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Fuel and other utilities	7.553	131.7	131.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Fuels	0.145	109.9	109.0	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8
Fuel oil and other household fuel	0.083	74.4	91.8	17.0	23.8	2.8	1.9	5.9
Gas (pipelined) and electricity (energy services) 1/	3.766	131.9	132.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Other utilities and public services 1/	3.403	130.7	131.0	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Household furnishings and operation 1/	0.932	135.5	135.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Housefurnishings 1/	0.615	130.0	130.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Housekeeping supplies 1/	0.189	130.7	130.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Housekeeping services 1/	0.128	131.1	131.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel and upkeep	6.092	122.4	126.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Apparel commodities	3.566	122.1	126.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
Men's and boys' apparel	1.445	122.1	126.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
Women's and girls' apparel	1.852	122.1	126.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	0.263	122.1	126.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
Footwear	0.886	122.5	126.9	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Other apparel commodities 1/	0.502	131.6	131.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Apparel services 1/	0.526	122.5	126.5	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Transportation	18.939	122.3	123.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Private transportation	17.800	122.2	123.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
New vehicles	0.926	122.5	122.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
New cars	0.614	122.5	122.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Used cars	2.050	122.5	122.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Motor fuel	0.068	95.3	94.3	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Gasoline	0.068	95.3	94.3	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Maintenance and repairs 1/	1.594	128.8	128.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Other private transportation	0.173	129.2	129.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Other private transportation commodities 1/	0.854	101.8	104.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Other private transportation services	4.317	129.8	130.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Public transportation 1/	1.135	127.8	128.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Medical care	5.674	132.0	133.7	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Medical care commodities	1.034	132.1	133.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Medical care services	4.640	131.9	133.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Professional medical services	2.735	130.2	131.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Entertainment 1/	0.027	138.6	138.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Entertainment commodities 1/	0.110	132.0	132.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Entertainment services 1/	1.917	132.5	132.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other goods and services	6.643	127.7	128.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Tobacco and smoking products	0.196	211.7	212.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Personal care 1/	1.146	135.7	136.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Toilet goods and personal care appliances 1/	0.652	133.7	135.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Personal care services 1/	0.494	137.9	138.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Personal and educational expenses	1.302	138.7	139.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
School books and supplies	0.211	138.4	138.0	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Personal and educational services	1.091	139.1	140.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	135.7	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0
Commodities	48.486	122.0	123.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Food and beverages	19.547	136.9	137.4	1.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1
Commodities less food and beverages 1/	19.557	122.0	123.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	12.295	122.0	123.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Apparel commodities	3.566	122.1	126.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	11.729	122.0	123.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Durables	11.642	122.0	123.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Services	11.539	135.8	136.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Rent of shelter 1/	25.041	132.6	132.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Household services less rent of shelter 2/	8.756	131.6	131.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Transportation services	7.051	129.7	130.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Medical care services	4.640	131.9	133.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Other services	6.028	135.0	136.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Special indexes								
All items less food	82.189	135.7	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0
All items less shelter	72.407	135.7	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	81.725	135.7	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0
All items less medical care	90.326	135.7	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0
Commodities less food	10.674	122.0	123.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Nondurables less food 1/	19.031	122.0	123.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	16.465	122.0	123.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Nondurables	16.465	122.0	123.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Services less rent of shelter 2/	26.475	131.6	131.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services less medical care services	46.876	131.9	133.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Energy	9.237	120.8	120.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less energy	91.793	135.7	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0
All items less food and energy	73.992	135.7	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0
Commodities less food and energy	26.222	122.0	123.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Energy commodities	0.651	99.5	99.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services less energy services	10.790	135.0	136.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982=1.00	-	8.736	8.735	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
1987=1.00	-	2.572	2.572	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.

2/ Index on a December 1984=100 base.

3/ Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for			
	Oct. 1991	Nov. 1991	Dec. 1991	Jan. 1992	Apr. 1992	3 months ended July 1991	3 months ended Oct. 1991	3 months ended Jan. 1992	6 months ended July 1991
Expenditure category									
All items	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Food and beverages	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Food	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Food at home	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Cereals and bakery products 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Dairy products 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Fruits and vegetables	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Other food at home	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Sugar and sweets 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Fats and oils 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Nonalcoholic beverages	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Other prepared food	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Food away from home 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Alcoholic beverages	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Housing	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Shelter	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Renters' costs 2/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Rent, residential	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Other renters' costs	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Homeowners' costs 2/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Owners' equivalent rent	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Household insurance 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Maintenance and repair 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Maintenance and repair services	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Maintenance and repair commodities 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Fuel and other utilities	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Fuels	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Fuel oil and other household fuel	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Commodities	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Other utilities and public services 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Household furnishings and operation 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Housefurnishings 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Housekeeping supplies	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Housekeeping services 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Apparel and upkeep	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Apparel commodities	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Men's and boys' apparel	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Women's and girls' apparel	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Footwear	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Other apparel commodities 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Apparel services 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Transportation	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Private transportation	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
New vehicles	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Used cars	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Motor fuel	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Gasoline	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Maintenance and repairs 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Other private transportation	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Commodities 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Other private transportation	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Public transportation 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Medical care	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Medical care commodities	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Medical care services	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Professional medical services	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Entertainment 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Entertainment commodities 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Entertainment services 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Other goods and services	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Tobacco and smoking products	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Personal care 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Toilet goods and personal care	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Personal care services	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Personal and educational expenses	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
School books and supplies	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Personal and educational services	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Commodity and service group									
All items	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Commodities	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Food and beverages	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Commodities less food and beverages	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Nondurables less food and beverages 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Apparel commodities	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Durables	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Services	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Rent of shelter 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Household services less rent of shelter 2/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Transportation services	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Medical care services	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Other services	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Special indexes									
All items less food	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
All items less shelter	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
All items less homeowners' costs 2/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
All items less medical care	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Commodities less food	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Nondurables less food 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Nondurables less food and apparel 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Durables 1/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Services less rent of shelter 2/	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Services less medical care services	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Energy	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
All items less energy	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
All items less food and energy	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Commodities less food and energy	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Commodities	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Energy commodities	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4
Services less energy services	134.8	135.2	137.7	137.1	137.1	2.1	2.4	3.0	2.4

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
Data not available.
NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index (1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Jan. 1992 from-			Percent change to Dec. 1991 from-		
			Oct. 1991	Nov. 1991	Dec. 1991	Jan. 1992	Jan. 1991	Nov. 1991	Dec. 1991	Dec. 1990	Oct. 1991	Nov. 1991
U.S. city average		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Region and area size 2/												
Northeast urban		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
North Central urban		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
South urban		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
West urban		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Size A - More than 1,200,000		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,200,000		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Size classes												
A 3/		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
B		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
C		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
D		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Selected local areas												
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Baltimore, MD		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Boston-Lawrence-Salem, MA-NH		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Washington, DC-MD-VA		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Houston-Galveston-Bradford, TX		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA		M	135.4	135.8	135.9	136.0	2.4	0.1	0.1	2.8	0.4	0.1

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

M - Every month.
J - January, March, May, July, September, and November.
F - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions are defined as the four Census regions.
Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.

3/ Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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